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<b>TO:</b> Mr, Kerr, ADDI			
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<b>REMARKS:</b>  The attached was sent to HPSCI to deliver to the Congressman in response to his question last Tuesday.			
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**TO:** Tom Latimer  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives

Congressman Daniel raised a question about the sale of stinger missiles to Jordan during the HPSCI intelligence briefing last Tuesday. Attached is a short discussion of this issue which we have put together. Would you please see that Congressman Daniel is shown this information as soon as possible.



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Attachment

FORM 3-79 **1533** OBSOLETE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

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Response to Congressional Inquiry Regarding Proposed Sale of  
Stinger Missiles to Jordan

According to the Department of Defense, the Administration plans to push for Congressional approval to sell Jordan, among other weapons, 72 Stinger shoulder-launched surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems, plus 36 reloads--a total of 108 missiles. In and of themselves, the Stingers would, in our judgment, provide only a marginal improvement in Jordanian air defense capabilities because of the weapons' modest capabilities and the relatively small number of missiles involved in the projected sale. [REDACTED]

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The Stinger is a short-range weapon designed to give soldiers some capacity to defend themselves against high-performance fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters when longer-range air defenses are not available. The Stinger is a much-improved version of the Redeye SAM, about 270 of which are already in the Jordanian inventory. The Stinger can engage attacking aircraft from any angle, while the Redeye operator must wait for the attacker to pass over him so that the missile's infrared seeker can lock-on to the hot exhaust gases of the aircraft's engines.

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The Stinger is similar in capability and design to the SA-14, several hundred of which the Jordanians reportedly purchased from the USSR in 1984. [REDACTED]

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*Stinger portable  
anti-aircraft missile.*